

Today's Message

**Overcoming**

**Criticism & Distractions**

**Nehemiah 4 & 6**

**Message Series**

**Nehemiah: React, Rebuild, Renew**

# Nehemiah 4 & 6

- Nehemiah turns to prayer in the face of criticism and trouble.
- Measures of attention and protection are set.
- Nehemiah refuses to give in to the deceptive plans of Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem.
- Godly strength and persistence are asked for in the midst of trials.
- Nehemiah and the people overcome and the wall around Jerusalem is completed in 52 days.

How many have experienced  
one or some of these things?

- Criticized
- Attacked
- Ridiculed
- Made fun of
- Persecuted
- Distracted from Vision and Call

*“In this world  
you will have trouble!”*

- Jesus

**God allows challenges/troubles  
so that our faith can grow  
and become stronger.**



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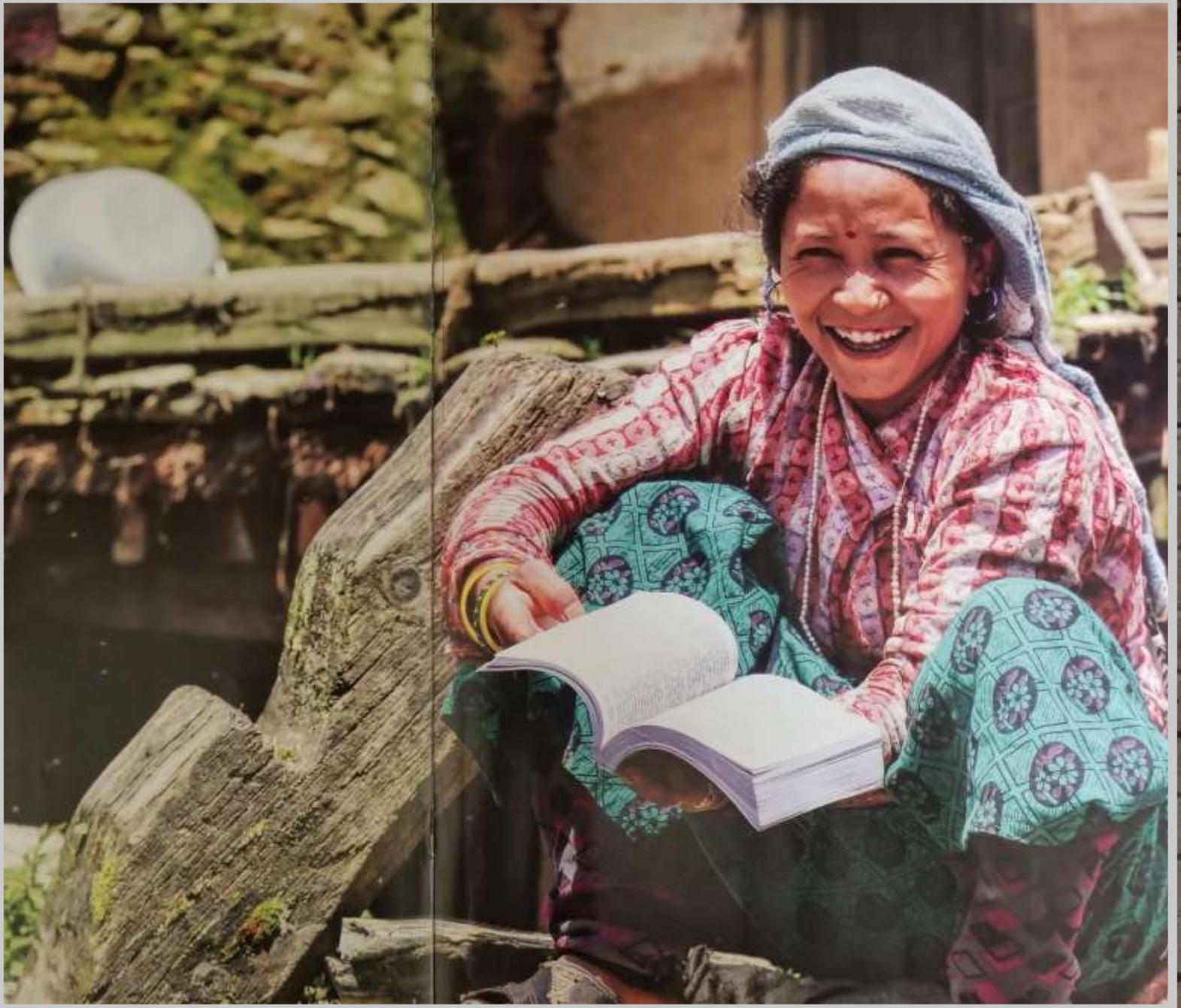


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# Jesus knows and understands the troubles we face!

*“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”*

John 15:18-19

# Paul's advice in 1 Corinthians 16

1. Be on guard!
2. Stand firm in the faith!
3. Be courageous!
4. Be strong!
5. Do everything in love!

THE WAY FORWARD...

Love, Courage, Persistence!

We don't have to give in or give up!

We are overcomers in the  
power of Jesus Christ!

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# OVERCOMERS!

The resurrection power of Jesus  
can help us to overcome  
anything the enemy tries to  
stop us with.